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LATERAL ENTRY OF ARMY PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme in regard to the lateral entry of army personnel below the rank of officers in other departments with a view to provide opportunities to fulfill professional aspirations in defence services to an extent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): The Group of Ministers (GOM), appointed in pursuance of the Kargil Review Committee, had recommended lateral transfer of Army personnel to Para Military Organizations n their Report on 'Reforming the National Security System' with the primary aim of keeping a young profile of the Army in peak combat effective state capable of meeting the challenges of future conflict.

The VI Central Pay Commission, in their report submitted to the Government recently, have also recommended a scheme of lateral transfer of defence personnel to Central Police Organizations /defence civilian organizations after rendering 7-17 years of service in the defence, with a view to, inter-alia, provide life time employment to defence personnel.The Government has not taken any decision in this regard.